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As a consumer, I am appalled that the DOJ is barely slapping the wrist of this monopoly.

The simple facts are that they are guilty of using their monopoly to further their application department. Surely every person realizes that this is not a level playing field so long as they are allowed to do this.

I don't believe they will all of a sudden start "behaving". Why should they? All they would need to do is pay their way outta of any future problem just as they are doing now. (And if they are to earn another billion in the process of breaking these new rules, it becomes quite cost effective to do just that!)

The only effective remedy for Microsoft's abuse of their monopoly power is to keep them out of the applications software business. If you vend an operating system, you cannot sell applications: otherwise, you've always got the inside track. There will never be a level playing field without this principle.

Sincerely,

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